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Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP)

The Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP) has been established to increase the number of Detroit-area minority students who are encouraged and academically prepared to pursue careers in the science, engineering, and technical fields.

Description

DAPCEP offers the following programs:

- In-School Programs – DAPCEP trains Detroit Public School teachers to present the DAPCEP curriculum, which includes Internet training, science fair projects, field trips, corporate and university seminars, mentors, and hands-on experiments.
- Summer Programs – Several Michigan colleges and universities offer on-campus enrichment programs in computer science, mathematics, science, engineering, and communications skills. About 450 students participate in these programs every summer.
- Saturday Programs – Colleges, universities and corporations conduct classes in the areas of mathematics, computer science, engineering, physics, chemistry, and communications skills.

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for the Saturday and summer programs if they maintain a 2.0 or better grade point average in school. Attendance, academic subjects taken, and prior DAPCEP experience are also part of the decision-making process.

Funding

The Michigan Legislature has designated \$558,000 of General Fund/General Purpose funding for use by the DAPCEP Program. DAPCEP must submit quarterly reports to the MDCD. Funds are allocated on an annual basis starting in October of each year.

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